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Date 30 July 88**WHERE WAS (IS) GEORGE?**

In our last issue Joseph McBride reported that Vice President George Bush was referred to in an F.B.I. memo, dated November 29, 1963, as a representative of the C.I.A. Bush, through his press secretary, said he was in the oil business at the time; a C.I.A. spokesman told McBride he would check, and then a day later gave the standard response: "I can neither confirm nor deny."

Last week, however, C.I.A. spokeswoman Sharron Basso told the Associated Press that, yes, there had been a George *William* Bush in the agency, who was apparently not the George H.W. Bush who is running for President. The other George, she said, left the C.I.A. in 1964 to join the Defense Intelligence Agency, and his present whereabouts are unknown. Asked by Sarah Perl of *The Nation* if the agency would offer any proof of George William Bush's employment, a spokesman there said, "You can take my word for it." McBride says, "I stand by my story." Note to George William Bush, wherever you are (if you are): Please call *The Nation*.